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1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE REFTEL TO EPMG MOFA'S QUESTION ON IMMUNITIES. WHAT ETHIOPIANS WANT, IN OUR JUDGMENT, HOWEVER, IS CATEGORIC REPLY AND UNLESS WE CAN GIVE IT TO THEM WE FEAR THAT WE CAN ANTICIPATE PERHAPS PROTRACTED LEGAL FENCING MATCH WHICH WE WOULD OF COURSE PREFER AVOID IN LIGHT OF IMMEDIATE PROBLEM THAT GAVE RISE TO IMMUNITY QUESTION.

2. OUR READING OF REFTEL LEADS US TO BELIEVE DEPT'S PROPOSED REPLY RISKS CONSIDERABLY PROLONGING THIS MATTER WHILE EPMG CONSIDERS VARIOUS POINTS RAISED. WE CAN TRY, BUT BEFORE DOING SO WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S REVIEWING PROBLEM ONCE MORE TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT CANNOT PROVIDE US WITH UNEQUIVOCAL REPLY TO ETHIOPIAN QUESTIONS. HUMMEL

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